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- References: 1. NRC Order EA-03-009, "Issuance of Order Establishing Interim Inspection Requirements for Reactor Pressure Vessel Heads at Pressurized Water Reactors," dated February 11, 2003.
2. NRC letter, "Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 3 – Relaxations from Order Establishing Interim Inspection Requirements for Reactor Pressure Vessel Heads," dated April 25, 2003.

Dear Sirs:

**Subject: Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station (PVNGS)
Unit 3
Docket No. STN 50-530
APS' 60-Day Response to Information Requested by
NRC Order EA-03-009 IV.E, Unit 3R10**

NRC Order EA-03-009 Section IV.E (Reference 1) requires licensees to provide the results of their reactor pressure vessel head inspections within 60 days after returning a plant to operation. On April 30, 2003, Arizona Public Service Company (APS) completed Unit 3's 10th refueling outage. The examinations performed in Unit 3 in accordance with References 1 and 2 yielded no detectable defects, no visual indications of leakage on the reactor vessel vent line and no detection of leakage into the interference fit zone of the 97 control element drive mechanism nozzles. As a result, no repairs were required.

No new commitments are being made to the NRC by this letter. Should you have any questions, please contact Thomas N. Weber at (623) 393-5764.

Sincerely,

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